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**COSIMO'S RESTAURANT GROUP SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT
AT STORRS CENTER, ADDING TO DIVERSE TENANT MIX**

Plans call for popular Italian menu featuring wood-fired brick oven pizza Storrs, CT... Storrs Center announces that a new letter of intent agreement has been signed with the Cosimo's Restaurant Group for space in the first phase of the project. The Cosimo's Restaurant Group is located in New York State's Hudson Valley and operates five restaurants in the region. With menus based on the concept of "creating traditional yet imaginative New World Italian Cuisine," Cosimo's restaurants offer a "variety of dishes inspired by the winning combination of old world recipes updated with the best fresh new world ingredients." Besides a broad range of appetizers, entrees, and desserts, the restaurants have become a destination for imaginative brick-oven pizzas. Cosimo's joins Campus Cuts and Body Language as the most recent in a series of early commitments to Storrs Center. There are now a total of eight letters of intent for the project.

Nick Citra, partner with Cosimo's Restaurant Group, states, "We believe Storrs Center will provide the right mix of college students, UConn faculty and staff, retirees, and other Mansfield residents to make our restaurant successful. We also like the projected combination of commercial and residential tenants which should result in a dynamic neighborhood."

Speaking for the Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Executive Director Cynthia van Zelm states, “We welcome the early commitment of Cosimo’s restaurant to be a part of the Storrs Center community. The growing list of restaurants expressing interest in the project indicates that Storrs Center is shaping up to be a dining destination for residents and visitors alike.”

Macon Toledano, Vice President of Planning and Development for master developer LeylandAlliance, adds, “We have been aware of The Cosimo’s Restaurant Group through their fine dining establishments in the Hudson Valley. They enjoy a special reputation for serving great Italian food in attractive settings.”

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Storrs Center will be a mixed-use town center and main street corridor at the crossroads of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut and the University of Connecticut. Located along Storrs Road adjacent to the University, the Town Hall, the regional high school, and the community center, Storrs Center will include a new town square across from the University’s improved fine arts center. The new town center will occupy approximately 17 acres of the overall 47.7 acre site and will include a new Town Square and a smaller Market Square across from Town Hall. The remainder of the site will be preserved primarily for open space and conservation. The town plan will knit architecture, pedestrian-oriented streets, small lanes, and public spaces into a series of small neighborhoods that will make up the new fabric of the town center. Ground floor retail and commercial uses opening onto landscaped sidewalks and intimate streets will reinforce traditional street front activity and shared community spaces and will be supported by residences above and throughout the neighborhood. Storrs Center will combine retail, restaurant, and office uses with a variety of residence types including studios, town homes, condominium apartments, and rental apartments. Structured and surface parking will be provided.

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